

Kensington Around Town

November 2016



Please join the Town, along with The Nighthawks, for the 13th Annual Kensington Town Dance on Wednesday, November 23rd, 7 pm. Proceeds benefit Bethesda Help, an organization dedicated to providing assistance to area residents with demonstrable emergency needs, and the 20895 Hunger Free Zone initiative.

Tickets are \$10 at the door, along with a donation of non-perishable food items and/or Giant and Safeway gift cards.

Please bring your own non-alcoholic beverages and snacks to the dance.

***This is a non-alcoholic event.**



The Town is once again a **Toys-for-Tots** drop-off location this holiday season. We ask that you please consider donating a new unwrapped toy by Thursday, December 15th. In addition, the Town will be accepting monetary donations in lieu of toys on behalf of the Marine Toys-for-Tots foundation.

**Donation hours are 8:00 am– 4:00 pm
Monday through Friday until December 15th**

CALENDAR

Kensington Town Dance

Wed., Nov. 23rd
7 pm—11 pm

Thanksgiving

Thurs., Nov. 24th
Town Offices Closed

American Indian Heritage Day

Fri., Nov. 25th
Town Offices Closed
*Trash Collected
as scheduled*

Traffic Committee

Tues., Dec. 6th, 7 pm

Town Christmas Tree Lighting

Sun., Dec. 11th, 5:30 pm
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Town Council Meeting

Mon., Dec. 12th, 7 pm

Town Menorah Lighting

Sat., Dec. 24th,
3 pm—4:30 pm
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Town Offices Closed

Mon., Dec. 26th
Christmas

Town Offices Closed

Mon., Jan. 2nd
New Year's

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MAYOR TRACEY

Town Permits

10534 Connecticut Avenue
Sign

10200 Frederick Avenue
Fence

3604 Dupont Avenue
Porch

10417 Metropolitan Avenue
Interior

3404 Kent Street
Fence

10607 Wheatley Street
Addition/Alteration

3414 Dupont Avenue
Porch

3940 Washington Street
Interior

Building Permits—*Please be reminded that both a Town and County permit for any exterior or interior structural changes are needed, with the exception of landscaping and repairs. Historic District properties will also need a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). Please contact the Town staff with any questions.*

The Town, along with the Montgomery County Police, would like to thank Sam and Judy Splaine, Splaine Security Systems, Inc., for their generous donation towards the purchase of two patrol bicycles. Mr. and Mrs. Splaine made the donation in memory and honor of their daughter, Christina Lee Splaine, a MCP School Resource Officer at Blair High School.



Officers Gotard (right) and Lyon (left) with the Montgomery County Police have been assigned to the bike patrols, and will be active within the community.

We greatly appreciate the Montgomery County Police for offering this program and the Splaines for their donation!

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TOWN MINUTES

Summary from the October 10th Town Council Meeting

- Held a Closed Session with the Town Attorney to discuss a legal matter.
- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2016.
- Approved a letter to Nancy Navarro, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Chair, opposing any change to the 15 percent discount on the Development Impact Tax for Transportation and Public School improvements granted to any development within 1/2 mile of the Kensington MARC station.
- Approved a \$500 sponsorship for the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Rock N' Roll event.
- Postponed Action on Ordinance No. O-02-2016 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter IV, "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 2, "Parking", Section 4-201, "General Parking Restrictions", to prohibit commercial vehicle parking on Town rights-of-ways until the January 9, 2017 Town Meeting.

October 10th Town Council Meeting—Mayor Furman, Council Members Bartram, McMullen, Rodriguez, and Rollins, Town Attorney Ferguson, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present.

Council Member McMullen motioned to move to a closed session to discuss a legal matter with the Town Attorney at 6:30 p.m. See Council Actions.

Council Member Rodriguez motioned to adjourn the closed session at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor and Council reconvened the regular meeting beginning at 7:15 p.m. Town Attorney Ferguson was necessarily absent for the remainder of the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed.

The Town Meeting Minutes from September

12, 2016 were reviewed and approved, as amended to correct a typographical error. See Council Actions.

Sean Gaiser, GIGS Studio, was present to request Town sponsorship of the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Rock N' Roll to be held at Warner Park on October 29th. Mr. Gaiser stated the event responds to the needs of the community and expected an attendance of approximately 2,500. The event will feature a pumpkin derby, among other activities, and was requesting a donation to help with costs, along with the use of the Town's tables and chairs. Council Member Rodriguez suggested a donation of \$500 and encouraged Mr. Gaiser to send a letter during the budget process for any future sponsorship requests. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

Mayor Furman presented a letter to the Town Council to be sent to County Councilmember Navarro, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Chair, opposing any change to the 15 percent discount on the Development Impact Tax for transportation and public school improvements within ½ mile of the Kensington MARC station. Mayor Furman stated that the Development Impact Tax discount is an incentive to help encourage developers and should not be changed.

Council Member McMullen stated that the letter to Councilmember Navarro was discussed in the closed session, and suggested adopting the letter, with the notation that the Town did not receive notification of the proposed change, and that any future items that may affect the Kensington Sector Plan be brought to the Town's attention in advance. See Council Actions.

Council Member Rodriguez reported that the Events Committee met on September 29th and

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discussed possible improvements for next year, to include: the pace of the parade, extending the festival to along Armory Avenue to Howard Avenue, and reviewing the Town's policy on distributed material by parade participants.

Council Member Rodriguez reported that the Greenscape Committee met on October 5th and discussed the following: improving sidewalk maintenance; formulating a process for dedicating trees and benches within Town Parks; the lighting of the honeylocust trees along Howard Avenue; identifying a possible location for a Town rose garden; reviewed certification requirements for Montgomery County's Weed Warrior program; and expressed support for murals throughout the Town.

Mayor Furman stated that she and Town Manager Daily met with a muralist to discuss possible locations, M&T Building and Kensington Shopping Center, along with possible design aspects.

Council Member McMullen reported that the Traffic Committee met on September 22nd, where they first met onsite at Dupont Avenue to discuss the possible location of speed hump (s). Due to some opposition, the Committee decided to request a formal petition from the Residents. The Committee also discussed the intersection of Calvert and Washington Streets, and recommended adding an addition speed hump along Armory Avenue, following a petition by Residents.

Mayor Furman stated that all traffic related matters, including speed humps, will need to go to the Traffic Committee for recommendation prior to the Town Council.

Council Member McMullen confirmed the Town would reimburse the coordinator of the Frederick Avenue block party for the required insurance.

Mayor Furman stated that the current policy is to reimburse residents for the required insurance rider when alcohol is provided; however, since there is an increased number of block parties, the Council will need to review the policy in the near future.

From the Public –

Jack Gaffey stated he enjoyed the Frederick Avenue block party and thanked those involved; suggested that the trees on Howard Avenue be lit from the top down to avoid light pollution; and suggested a mural be considered for the backside of the Metropolitan Avenue warehouses that parallel the CSX tracks.

Mayor Furman stated that she did not believe CSX would give permission to access this area.

Joseph Campbell noted the failed utility patch on Frederick Avenue and requested that it be repaired.

Town Manager Daily stated he would continue to pursue the repair with Washington Gas.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Ordinance No. O-02-2016 – to Amend Chapter IV, "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 2, "Parking", Section 4-201, "General Parking Restrictions", to prohibit commercial vehicle parking on Town rights-of-way was presented for adoption.

Council Member McMullen stated the Ordinance was discussed with the Town Attorney during the closed session, and the Council concurred to postpone any further consideration until January 2017. See Council Actions.

Council Actions –

Council Member McMullen moved to close the Council Meeting to obtain legal advice at 6:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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Council Member Rodriguez moved to adjourn the closed session and move back into the open session at 7:00 p.m. See Closed Meeting Form.

Council Member McMullen moved to approved the Town Meeting Minutes from the September 12, 2016 Town Meeting, as amended to correct a typographical error. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to approve a \$500 sponsorship to the 2nd Annual Pumpkin Rock N' Roll event on October 29th. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to approve a letter to Nancy Navarro, Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Chair, opposing any change to the 15 percent discount on the Development Impact Tax, with the notation that the Town did not receive notification of the proposed change, and that any future items that may affect the Kensington Sector Plan be brought to the Town's attention in advance. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to postpone consideration of Ordinance No. O-02-2016, to Amend Chapter IV, "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 2, "Parking", Section 4-201, "General Parking Restrictions", to prohibit commercial vehicle parking on Town rights-of-way until the January meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:19 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

ARCHIVED MINUTES . . .

Complete Minutes, along with an audio recording from past meetings are available on the Town's website at the following link:

<http://tok.md.gov/town-business/council-meeting-recordings/>

A hard copy of all past Minutes will be made available by contacting the Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Engels at 301-949-2424 or at *Susan.Engels@tok.md.gov*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Town Christmas Tree Lighting

Please join the Town on Sunday, December 11th, 5:30 pm, for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. The Kensington Volunteer Fire

Department (KVFD), along with Santa Claus, will arrive at 6:00 pm.

There will be music, cider, and cookies for all.

Please consider donating a new unwrapped toy to the Marine Toys-for-Tots foundation. Information on Page 1



Town Menorah Lighting

Please join the Town on Saturday, December 24th, 3:00 pm—4:30 pm, for the annual Menorah Lighting.

There will be music, cider, and cookies for all.

Please consider donating a new unwrapped toy to the Marine Toys-for-Tots foundation. Information on Page 1



Leafing Schedule

The Public Works Crew will begin our annual leaf collection the week of November 7th and run through the week of December 12th. There are no scheduled collection zones, as the Crew will monitor the Town on a daily basis.

Please do not include grass clippings, mulch, twigs, or small branches within leaf piles, as this may damage our leaf vacuum. If your leaf pile contains any materials besides leaves, the Crew will not collect your pile, and you will be responsible for bagging the leaves on your own.



Place leaves to the curb



DO NOT place leaves in the street



When It Snows . . .

The Town requires all of its residents and businesses to clear a path on the sidewalk in front of their property within 24 hours of each snow fall.

If a path has not been cleared within 24 hours, a notice will be sent to the resident or business reminding them it needs to be done. If a path still has not been cleared within 24 hours of the notice, a citation will be issued—\$65 for residential and \$195 for businesses. Businesses are reminded NOT to pile the snow at sidewalk corners or block pedestrian right-of-ways.

Exceptions: residential sidewalks located on Conn., Summit and Knowles Avenues will be cleared by the Town.

If you are traveling during the winter months, please make arrangements before leaving to have someone clear your sidewalk.

COMMUNITY



We are growing!

Spacesaver Interiors is a small, woman owned business headquartered in Kensington. We are a leading provider of innovative storage and office furniture solutions for the Washington metro region.

QuickBooks Expert

We are looking for a full time, experienced QuickBooks Contractor Edition professional for our Accounting Department. This individual must have a solid understanding of GAAP in a complex business environment.

Freelance Architect

Our building is in desperate need of a face lift! We are looking for an experienced freelance Architect to assist us with upgrades and improvements to our building exterior.

If you believe you may be a fit for our company, please submit your resume to; Amy Hamilton or Tom Metzfield

amyh@spacesaverinteriors.com
Tomm@spacesaverinteriors.com

Visit our website for more information about our company and our offerings.

www.spacesaverInteriors.com



A colorful poster for 'Merlin the Magician' by The British Players. It features a cartoon illustration of Merlin the Magician with a long white beard, wearing a blue robe with yellow stars and moons, and a blue wizard's hat with a yellow crescent moon. He is holding a wooden staff and has a black cat perched on his shoulder. The background shows a detailed line drawing of a town. Text on the poster includes: 'The BRITISH PLAYERS present Merlin a traditional british panto', 'written by Bob Heather and Cheryl Barrett', 'directed by Malcolm Edwards', 'produced by Kim Newbill', 'DECEMBER 2-11, 2016', 'TICKETS: 240-447-9863', 'KENSINGTON TOWN HALL', '3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895', 'For more information visit www.britishplayers.org', and 'The British Players is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organisation.' A red speech bubble in the top right corner says 'Bring the whole family!'.

PERFORMANCE DATES

December: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th

TICKETS

Adults \$22 | Students \$12

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Kensington Farmers Market

Open every Saturday year-round, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kensington Train Station

Local and regional vendors offer fresh baked goods, seasonal fruits and vegetables, organic meats, seafood, cheese, artisan breads, olive oil and prepared foods.



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